REMARKS

In the Examiner's Advisory Action dated December 26, 2006, claims 7 and 8 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations from claim 7, so as to be equivalent to claim 7 rewritten in independent form. Independent claims 74 and 75 have been cancelled. The dependency of the claims 8, 10, 20, and 46 previously depending from claim 7 have been changed to claim 1. A typographical error in claim 9 has also been corrected. Also, Applicant has discovered that there were two claims 33. Thus, the second claim 33 (depending from claim 28) has been renumbered as new claim 76.

Accordingly, all the claims are believed to be in proper form for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests issuance of Notice of Allowance as soon as possible.

Conclusion

Please consider this a two-month extension of time from November 3, 2006 to January 3, 2007 and charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084 the amount of 225.00 for this extension. No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted.

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